Uttar Pradesh:

(i) During the period 2000-2001, 2 cases involving 19 samples have been declared to be spurious by the Government Analyst, Uttar Pradesh/ Central Drugs Laboratory, Kolkata. The instructions have been issued to the concerned Drugs Inspectors (U.P.) to launch prosecution against the defaulters/firms.

(ii) Two persons have been arrested, one at Kanpur and another at Bareilly with spurious drugs. Prosecution has been launched at Kanpur against M/s Standard Drugs Centre, Birhana Road, Kanpur and its proprietor.

Karnataka:

During the period 1.4.2001 to 26.11.2001, one case involving 4 spurious drugs has been detected at dealers located in Mangalore, Karnataka. After completion of investigation, necessary action would be taken as per provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder.

Andhra Pradesh:

During the period 1.4.2001 to 26.11.2001, 4 cases involving 21 spurious drugs were detected. After completion of investigation, necessary action would be taken as per provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder.

Bihar:

During the period 1.4.2001 to 26.11.2001, 2 cases of spurious drugs were detected. After completion of investigation, necessary action would be taken as per provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder.

Contract between HAM Dredging Marine Contractors and CPT

*574. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Teroso Koti Dheleo Gangar Nabyata Bareni", which appeared in the Ananda Bazar Patrika, Kolkata, dated the 31st March, 2002;

(b) if so, whether there was no guarantee on the navigable depth in the contract between HAM Dredging Marine Contractors and Kolkata Port Trust, as alleded in the report;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore and the action taken against the erring official;

(d) if not, whether the Ministry has withheld reimbursement of Rs. 206 crore to Kolkata Port Trust, as reported in the news-item; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI VED PRAKASH GOYAL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) In the contract between Kolkata Port Trust and HAM Dredging & Marine Contractors, there was a provision for increasing depth at Jellingham by 1.5 metres from the prevailing level of the river bed in the shipping channel with vertical tolerance of 0.5 metres.

(d) and (e) The Ministry has not withheld reimbursement of Rs. 206 crores to Kolkata Port Trust, as reported in the news-item. The Ministry reimburses expenditure incurred by Kolkata Port on maintenance dreding on the basis of expenditure certified by the Principal Director of Audit, Central, Kolkata. As per the present policy, entire expenditure certified by the Audit is reimbursable to Kolkata Port.

Review committee for income criteria for creamy layer among OBCs

*575. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a Committee to review the income crietria for identification of creamy layer among Other Backward Classes; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has already decided to constitute a Committee to review the income criteria for identification of 'Creamy Layer' among OBCs and is in the process of finalizing its constitution.

Funds for various corporations

*576. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to the various corporations for the economic upliftment of scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes during the year 2001;